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In re Application of: Chen, et al.

Application No.: 09/422,134

Examiner: Jackson, Jakieda R.

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Art Unit: 2655

Confirmation No.: 5160

For: DIGITAL AUDIO DECODER HAVING ERROR CONCEALMENT USING A DYNAMIC RECOVERY DELAY AND FRAME REPEATING AND ALSO HAVING FAST AUDIO MUTING CAPABILITIES

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action for the above identified patent application.

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Transmitted herewith are ..... sheets of substitute formal drawings.

Other:

2. Applicant is other than a small entity

**Extension of Term**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(a)  [ ] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

<u>Extension</u>	<u>Fee</u>
[ ] one month	\$110.00
[ ] two months	\$420.00
[ ] three months	\$950.00
[ ] four months	\$1,480.00

Fee \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(b)  [ ] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**Fee Calculation**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Fee Items	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	20	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (one or more, first added by this amendment)				\$290.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Fees</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 10, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in view of the arguments set forth below.

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